(b) if not, how soon such an essential training programme will be offered and the duration and curriculum and which institutions will conduct such a training programme; and

(c) whether there is any special training programme for Scientists going on deputation in Indian missions abroad to have overview of policy and development of Science and Technology in India.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b), No such training is being arranged. As the number of such officials is very small and they proceed abroad at varying point of time, organised training programmes on Indian culture and philosophy are not practicable.

(c) The Scientists being deputed to receive a briefing on the relevant aspects.

Utilisation Of Mineral Resources For Small Scale Industries

6784. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have any proposal to utilise mineral and natural resources for small scale industries in the rural sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b), Small scale industrial units in rural and urban areas, based on a variety of raw materials, including mineral and natural resources, are set up by entrepreneurs and artisans in the private sector. The role of Government is mainly promotional. Plan programmes and schemes for the promotion and development of small scale industries relate to financial assistance, procurement and supply of raw materials, provision of development industrial sheds/plots, training, equity assistance to State Corporations/apex and primary cooperative societies, provision fo common facilities, technological upgradation, marketing assistance, etc.

Technology Mission On Drinking Water

6785. SHRI VIRENDRA SINGH:
SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Comptroller and Auditor General of India, in his Report No. 1 of 1991, has pointed out shortcomings in the functioning of the technology mission on drinking water which has failed to achieve its objective of supplying water to 1,13,155 villages by the end of Seventh Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken in the matter; and

(c) the number of villages where potable water was supplied during the Seventh Plan period and the number of villages proposed to be supplied potable water during 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) and (b) The highlights of para 4 of the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended 31 st March, 1990 (No, 1 of 1991) regarding Review of Technology Mission of Drinking Water and the steps